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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO: POSSIBILITY
OF MOTION TO POSTPONE

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1. ON AUGUST 31, C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN (NORWAY)
INFORMED US THAT HE HAD HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH
EHTIOPIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BEKEL ON THE EVENING OF AUG 30.
THE CONVERSATION WAS OBVIOUSLY OF IMPORTANCE TO BEKELE
SINCE HE HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO SEEK VRAALSEN OUT.
BEKELE TOLD VRAALSEN THAT IF A MOTION TO POSTPONE CON-

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2. VRAALSEN SAID HE DOUBTED BEKELE WOULD HAVE MADE SUCH A STATEMENT WITHOUT SOME INDICATION FROM ADDIS ALONG THESE LINES AND NOTED THE PROBABLE WIDER POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF BEKELE'S STATEMENTS FOR US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

3. MISOFF AND VRAALSEN THEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED OUR VOTE ESTIMATE ON A PROCEDURAL MOTION TO POSTPONE WHICH FOLLOWS: IN FAVOR (11): AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, CHILE (?), FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, NORWAY, SIERRA LEONE (?), TUNISIA (?); OPPOSED: (10): BULGARIA, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ, MALI (?), SYRIA, USSR, TANZANIA (?); ABSTENTIONS (3): TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, YUGOLSAVIA, EHTIOPIA (?).

4. CLEARLY A SUCCESSFUL MOTIO TO POSTPONE WOULD BE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO THIS YEAR. WE ARE NOW SEEKING TO CONFIRM THE SUPPORTERS OF A MOTION TO POSTPONE.

5. THOSE WE ARE UNSURE OF INCLUDE TUNISIA, AND SIERRA LEONE, YUGOSLAVIA CHILE, AND ETHIOPIA. MALI AND TANZANIA MIGHT ALSO BE MOVED TO ABSTENTIONS.

6. CHILEAN MISOFF MONSALVE INFORMED US THAT HE "DEDUCES" CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CHILE WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A MOTION BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.

7. TUNISIAN MISOFF BACHROUCH SAID HE DID NOT KNOW AND WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION IMMEDIATELY WITH AMB MESTIRI AND LET US KNOW ASAP.

8. THE COMMITTEE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 1 AT 3 P.M.

9. VRAALSEN INFORMED US THAT HE HAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MOTION TO POSTPONE WITH PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) WHO SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAV DEL HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON SUCH A SITUATION AND HAD NOT CONSIDERED IT. PAVICEVIC EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD STICK WITH ITS ABSTENTION ON DEFERRAL.

10. VRAALSEN ALSO JUST INFORMED US OF A CONVERSATION WITH INDIAN PERM REP JAIPAL. JAIPAL SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE SUBMISSION OF HIS "AMENDMENTS" (THE INDIAN ELEMENTS FOR A CONSENSUS ALREADY TRANSMITTED), MIGHT CREATE CONFUSION IN THE COMMITTEE AT WHICH TIME IT

WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MOVE DEFERMENT. HE SAID
INDIA WOULD SUPPORT A MOTION TO DEFER.

11. VRAALSEN SAID THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THE INDIAN
AMENDMENTS WOULD PUT PEOPLE ON THE SPOT AND CONCURRED
IN JAIPAL'S JUDGEMENT THAT THAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE
MOMENT TO MOVE FOR DEFERRAL. VRAALSEN SAID HE THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SUCH A MOTION WERE TO BE MADE
BY THE AUSTRALIANS. RATHER THAN NORWAY, BECAUSE OF THE
ROLE HE HAS PLAYED IN TRYING TO SEEK A CONSENSUS
SOLUTION.

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